

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RECENT EVENTS BY THE NUMBERS



The May 16 electronics recycling event, hosted by the City of Battle Creek and Calhoun County, was the biggest ever — thanks to everyone who helped us dispose of electronic products properly!

Green Earth Electronics Recycling received our 36,371 pounds of electronic products, which YOU helped us keep out of the landfills.

Why recycle these items?

- ⇒ According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw out 25 billion Styrofoam cups each year. Even after 500 years, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill.
- ⇒ Electronics are complex devices, made of a variety of materials. Some of those—lead, nickel, cadmium and mercury—could pose risks to human health or the environment if disposal is mismanaged.

Check out this breakdown, by weight:

TVs → 14,015 pounds

Miscellaneous electronics → 9,101 pounds

Computers → 4,007 pounds

Printers → 3,609 pounds

CRT monitors → 3,246 pounds

Appliances → 1,243 pounds

Lead acid batteries → 716 pounds

Alkaline batteries → 434 pounds

TOTAL → 36,371 pounds



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We also collected Styrofoam that day, ending with a total **850** pounds and, on May 15, hosted **972** elementary school students at the annual Children's Water Festival.